

# East Coast, Gulf Dockmen On Strike After Talks Fail

## Senate Votes Viet Withdrawal By Spring

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WASHINGTON — The Senate, in a second rebuff of President Nixon's Vietnam policies, voted yesterday for total U.S. withdrawal from Indochina by spring.

Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield's amendment, setting a six-month timetable for withdrawal and release of U.S. prisoners, was adopted, 57 to 38, as a rider to a \$21-billion weapons bill.

Washington State's senators, both Democrats, were split on the amendment. Sen. Henry M. Jackson voted against it. Sen. Warren G. Magnuson voted for it.

The weapons bill with the amendment will be returned to the House, which has refused so far to impose any restrictions on President Nixon's Vietnam policies.

Mansfield had appealed for action to "bring this horrible war to an end."

"Why not try?" he asked the Senate. "What have we got to lose? You've got a lot to gain."

The six-month deadline would not be binding on President Nixon and would be contingent on release of American prisoners.

"You can't stop the war by an act of Congress of this kind," Republican leader



## Thousands of Workers Off Job in N.Y., Baltimore

NEW YORK — (UPI) — The International Longshoremen's Association broke off contract negotiations early today and announced that a strike of 45,000 dock workers was on in East and Gulf Coast ports.

An effective strike, coupled with the West Coast dock walkout, will shut down all the nation's ports.

The ILA and the New York Shippers Association met with Asst. Labor Secretary W. J. Usery Jr. past the midnight strike deadline, but could reach no agreement. The key issue was the union's demand for a guaranteed annual wage provision.

Other ILA locals have pledged to follow the New York branch's lead. With West Coast longshoremen on strike since July 1, a strike on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts would close the nation's ports.

Longshoremen were reported off the job this morning in New York, Mobile and Baltimore.

ILA president Thomas W. Gleason announced at 2:45 a.m. that the negotiations had broken off and the longshoremen were "locked out." He said the next contract talks would be held at 10 a.m. Monday.

Usery was reported trying to get the New York Shippers Association to agree to a contract extension for the ILA.

The 17,000 longshoremen in New York and Boston ports were demanding a continuation of the 2,080 hours guaranteed pay a year, or a full 40-hour week for each man whether he works or not. Dock workers in Philadelphia and Baltimore demanded 1,800 hours of work guaranteed a year, and Newport workers were demanding 1,700

The shippers have been adamant about dropping that clause from the new contract. The guarantee clause was added only three years ago after a strike by the ILA.

The expiring contracts cover longshoremen on the East and Gulf coasts. However, most Gulf Coast dockworkers had voted to remain on the job.

Strikes by the ILA have followed every contract expiration since World War II.

The West Coast's 15,000 longshoremen have been on strike since July 1, tying up 190 ships in 24 ports.

In San Francisco, negotiators for striking longshoremen and employers met for more than seven hours in three sessions yesterday as the pace for West Coast bargaining accelerated.

A spokesman for the Pacific Maritime Association said talks would resume this morning regardless of whether the International Longshoremen's Association reached agreement with the New York Shipping Association.

A source close to the negotiations said no settlement in the West Coast dispute, now in its 92nd day, is likely before tomorrow.

The Pacific Coast walkout has closed down ports in California, Oregon and Washington, and the negotiators have come under pressure from President Nixon to find a solution to the impasse.

The President met with Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, and Ed Flynn, head of the Pacific Maritime Association, last weekend in Oregon.

Nixon urged a rapid settlement of the walkout in his first personal intervention